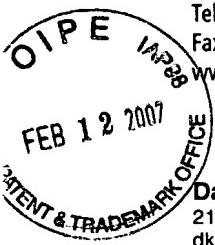


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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 30, 2007,

Applicants submit a full listing of the pending claims in the present application. Please note that while the Notice refers to the Response filed by Applicants on December 26, 2006, the submitted claims include the amendments made in the Supplemental Response filed by Applicants on January 26, 2007. Since the Supplemental Response contains the same deficiencies noted by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, this submission is intended to correct the deficiencies in both the Response and the Supplemental Response. Please accept the claims submitted herewith as the pending claims, in accordance with the Examiner Interview of January 10, 2007.

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